

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:309
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2016
Development of Industrial Corridors
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria/guidelines/norms laid down for the identification of routes and development of industrial corridors in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has approved the proposal for development of the Visakhapatnam-Chennai industrial corridor and if so, the details thereof including the funds allocated and released for the purpose; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to develop Visakhapatnam-Kolkata industrial corridor and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.309 FOR ANSWER ON 8TH AUGUST, 2016

(a): Several factors are taken into account for identification of industrial corridors, which inter-alia include their proximity to the existing / proposed rail / road network / port / airport; availability of suitable land, water, power, other natural resources etc. Industrial nodes as prioritized by the respective State Governments from the perspective plan of these corridors are taken up for development through a Special Purpose Vehicle after preparing a Concept Master Plan and detailed design of Trunk Infrastructure.

(b): No, Madam. The Government has not approved or released any funds directly for this project. However, Asian Development Bank (ADB) has conducted the feasibility study for Vizag-Chennai Industrial Corridor (VCIC). Funds are needed to the tune of US \$ 840 Million for VCIC nodes, out of which ADB Funding of US \$ 625 Million, has been approved by the Department of Economic Affairs, Government of India. Remaining amount US \$ 215 Million shall be provided by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. Out of ADB loan of US\$625 Million approved by DEA, a sum of US \$ 370 Million has been sought as first tranche from ADB.

(c): Government of India has given its concurrence for engaging ADB for carrying out feasibility study and preparing the Conceptual Development Plan for East Coast Economic Corridor (ECEC) linking Kolkata in the East through Chennai to Tuticorin in South in a phased manner. In the first phase, Vizag-Chennai segment of ECEC, i.e. VCIC was taken up for the feasibility study.
